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SUBJECT: SWEDISH CONSULAR REQUEST ON DEATH OF MOHAMMED  
MOUMOU

Classified By: DCM ROBERT SILVERMAN FOR REASONS 1.4 (B AND D)

[¶1.](#) (C) On October 16, Swedish MFA State Secretary Frank Belfrage asked DCM about the killing by U.S. troops of Mohammed Moumou, a Moroccan-born Swedish national who was second-in-command in Al-Qaeda in Iraq. DCM drew on the MNF-I press release of October 15 to describe the circumstances surrounding his death. Belfrage stressed that Sweden's interest in raising the case was solely as a consular issue. In that context, he asked for three things: the transport of his remains and belongings (DCM explained this is unlikely given Muslim burial practices); a death certificate; and a written report of the event.

[¶2.](#) (C) Comment: We would appreciate some information from MNF-I to pass to the Swedes on the disposition of Moumou. We believe the Swedish request is grounded in the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations though Belfrage did not invoke it.

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